

592 Trumbull Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

October 31, 2004

Ms. Shetal Divatia
Department of Community Development
PO Box 3707
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

Re: Tree Removal Permit for 592 Trumbull Ct
File #2004-0781

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Jeffrey Lee/Attorney-at-Law

Dear Ms. Divatia:

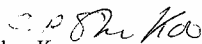
This is a letter notifying you of my intention to appeal the Department of Community Development's October 25, 2004 notice denying a permit for the removal of the Deodar Cedar tree at the above address. The reason cited for the denial was that the subject tree is healthy, that it did not represent a potential hazard, and that it does not restrict use of said property or that of the neighbor's.

I respectfully disagree with your conclusion; the subject tree and its proximity to my house has caused me hardship financially and emotionally. The fact that the tree is so large and so close to my house caused State Farm Insurance to deny insurance coverage for my residence. They viewed it as a potential hazard and notified me of their intention not to renew. I am a recent widow; my husband usually handled such matters, but, due to State Farm's position and your refusal to permit removal of the tree, I was forced to spend countless hours seeking a replacement carrier. In addition to the inconvenience and stress, the effective premium was higher and coverage not as good as my former policy.

If the foregoing was not enough, damage to the eaves and roof of my house was caused by the limbs overhang. Notwithstanding the substantial expense, the roofer refused to warrant the work because, in his view, the tree will be a continuing detrimental condition necessitating additional future remedial work to the roof. I am at a loss as to why, in my advanced years, the City has decided to deny a simple request and cause such anguish to one of its senior citizens.

Please either reconsider your denial as a result of the information contained in this letter, or if you are going to force me to prolong this agony and continue my appeal, please let me know precisely the time and location of the hearing so I can bring the media, witnesses and or documentation to support my position. I hope you will consider the former so I can avoid the stress and unpleasantness of the latter. I am 80+ years old, a good citizen, and only want to live my life in peace and quiet; I hope you can help me do this. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


C.P. Shen Koo

cc: Jeffrey Lee/Attorney-at-Law